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District Convention To-morrow.

The Democratic District Convention meets at Hamilton at 10 o'clock A.M., to-morrow (Thursday) December 1st, to choose Delegates to represent us in the Charleston Convention. Most of the Delegates will go down on the 8.30 train on the C. H. &amp; I. Road, together with a number of outsiders. We expect to see a full delegation from this county. Democrats, it will be soon time to get ready for the grand battle of 1860. There must be no lagging.

Death of Washington Irving.

A Dispatch received last night announces the death of that venerable man and eminent literateur, WASHINGTON IRVING, at Sunnyside, on the Hudson River, (where he had made his home for about half a century,) aged nearly seventy eight years. The intelligence has not been unexpected.

He had been very feeble for some time, and his death was looked for at any moment.

Mr. Irving was one of the most remarkable literary men of the age, and was revered in every country where there was a printed language. He may be said to have been the father and founder of the literature of this country. The news of his demise will strike a chord of regret in literary circles throughout the world. His name is a "household word," his fame will endure as long as language is printed.

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The CRISIS PASSED.—Halstead, of the Commercial, severely criticised an article in the Cincinnati Times the other day. Buell the author of the article criticised felt aggrieved, and demanded satisfaction, but Halstead paid no attention to it, when Buell published to the world that the said Halstead was a slanderer and a coward. We have not learned how Halstead takes it. "At all events," there will be no duel. Good. We are glad one of the parties had gumption enough to refuse to make a fool of himself.

THE GREAT EASTERN A SHOW VESSEL.—The Great Eastern is now controlled by Liverpool merchants. The Journal of that city says:

At Portland, without any consumption of coal, the small tax on visitors would realize six hundred dollars a day, that at Holyhead the same price of admission will realize something like two thousand dollars a day; that the sight of her gratifies the public, and that sight sees pay better than passengers; that this being the case, it would be absurd to sail her prematurely for America or any other place.

THE MT. VERNON WASHINGTON.—The Cleveland Leader alluding to the report that John A. Washington of Mt. Vernon has died, says:

That the Mt. Vernon speculator has allowed his notes for large sums to be protested in Chicago is true, but it is also true that he claims that some Chicago land operators tried to swindle him, and that he refused to pay certain notes which he had given, in order to test his legal ability.

MURDERS BURNED AT THE STAKE.—The Montgomery (Alabama) Advertiser, of the 21st says:

A rumor reached this city on Saturday morning last, to the effect that the murderer of Mr. Page, and also an accomplice had been arrested in Conecuh County a day or two previous, and immediately burst by the former neighbors of the unfortunate deceased. It is also stated that these two fellows, before passing through the terrible ordeal to which they had been subjected, confessed that they belonged to a regularly organized band of highway robbers, composed of nine other individuals beside themselves.

PROF. LOWE AND HIS BALLOON VOYAGE A HOMOUR.—The balloon expedition of Prof. Lowe, is finally closed for the season, and the promised aerial trip to Europe seems to be mainly "on account of the weather." All the apparatus having been removed from the palace grounds, to visitors who, on Thursday, were allowed to visit, the witness an ascension in the small balloon, found the great globe itself goes like the baseless fabric of a vision." The heavy blow on Thanksgiving Day rendered the preliminary ascension impossible, so that no visitors were admitted and no money received. The balloon has been carried to a place near the gas-house at the foot of Fourteenth street, North River, where it will remain until Spring—N.Y. Times, Nov. 29.

A MAN WEARING HOSES.—A person, supposed to be a female, giving the name of Anna Page, was arrested in Savannah, Georgia, on Monday, wearing very extended hose. An examination, however, showed that the person was a male. On his examination, he stated his name to be Charles Williams. The Savannah Republican says he converses freely and well, and with all of the action and delicate toned voice of a woman. He is an exquisite costume, and seems up to the arts of the sex, assumes the female admirably in his manners and deportment, wears her clothes gracefully, and they are arranged with a certain degree of taste, wholly inconsistent with the habits of males. The Mayor sentenced him to prison for ten days.

## NEWS ITEMS.

There are eight Republican candidates for nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania.

Five deaths per week occur in the United States from the use of opium.

The citizens of the State of Delaware have contributed \$2,500 to the Mt. Vernon fund.

Thomas Francis Meagher has returned from his mission to Central America, and is now in New York.

Justice Daniels, of the Supreme Court, lies dangerously ill, at his residence, in Washington City.

Last week three bears were killed in a small slip of woods about five miles from Johnston, Penn.

It is said that immediately after the death of Kit Carson was known by the Indians, whom he exercised a great influence, they commenced hostilities against the white.

The income of Elias Howe, the patentee of the lock-stitch in the sewing machine, is about \$200,000 per annum. His patent runs out in two years.

The Spanish mackerel, a game fish of the Southern waters, has appeared in the Hudson River and furnished sport for fly fishermen.

The First Unitarian Society and the Free Will Baptist Society, of Manchester, N.H., have swapped churches, the first named paying \$3,500 to boot.

In the Northern part of New York State the people are now enjoying very fine sleighing—in some counties the snow is a foot deep on a level.

In Richmond, recently, presentations were made by a grand jury against 81 cordwainers for conspiracy in matters relating to prices of work, or in other words they struck for higher wages.

The two celebrated violinists, Beriot and Wenckebach, met last summer at Ems. The latter, after playing on Beriot's instrument, said him if he felt inclined to sell it. "Yes," he answered, "but not for less than 20,000 francs." The price will probably be paid.

It is understood that Judge Douglas' pianists unite in urging him to proceed to the coast of Florida with a view to restore his health, and also that Mrs. Douglas accompany him, as soon as their strength will permit.

It having been reported that Senator Oriodo, the diamond bridge-room, was only a man of paste, Mr. Thos. D. Carr writes to the Savannah Republicans that the Senator is a native of Havanna, and that his fame will endure as long as language is printed.

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The triennial message of Gov. Moore, of Alabama, treats wholly of local topics, the Governor announcing that he reserves for another occasion his remarks upon Federal relations. The internal condition of the affairs of the State is prosperous, and its treasury has a balance of \$600,000.

RELIEF IN TEN MINUTES.

Bryan's Pulmonic Wafer.

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